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Department of Corporations Releases "Top 10 List" of Ways to Help **Businesses Expedite their Franchise Renewal Application Process**

SACRAMENTO --- The California Department of Corporations today made available a list of tips designed to make the annual franchise renewal application process easier and more efficient. The "Top 10 List" of helpful suggestions was distributed to businesses and law firms that have historically filed the greatest number of franchise renewal applications.

To help expedite the process, franchise renewal applicants are encouraged to submit their Uniform Franchise Registration Application and supporting documents on a CD in addition to filing a hard copy. Renewal applications should be filed at the Department of Corporations' offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Additional information regarding franchising, including statutes, rules and forms can be found at www.corp.ca.gov.

A copy of the "Top 10 List" of tips for franchise renewal applicants is attached.

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